

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 09/777,681

REMARKS

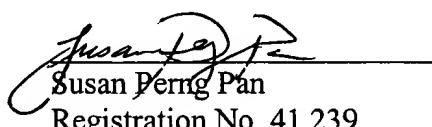
This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2002, is supplemental to the Amendment filed August 14, 2002, by providing a marked up version of the changes made to the specification on a sheet of paper separate from the amendment. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Arguments for responding to the Office Action on the merits and additional claims were provided in the Amendment filed on August 14, 2002.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that claims 3-7 and 9-14 are in condition for allowance. Therefore it is respectfully requested that the subject application be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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